


# TVA Coordination

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## ***Purpose***

The purpose of this procedure is to guide the Project Planning Engineer through the necessary coordination with the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

## ***Background***

In 2003, NCDOT and TVA coordinated to produce guidance on TVA Approvals and Permits. The guidance and additional clarification were distributed on May 21, 2003. During this same time period, TVA and FHWA entered into a Memoranda of Agreement regarding Section 106 compliance.

TVA Permits and approvals are required when a proposed project is located within the TVA jurisdictional area and impact the following:

- Proposed culverts and stream relocation.
- Culvert extensions (typically required with widening projects).
- New facilities in new locations that cross or relocate streams.
- Bridge replacements when lanes are added or the new bridge is on new location upstream or downstream of the existing bridge.
- Projects involving lands owned by TVA
- Projects involving relocation or modification of TVA transmission lines.

For additional information, reference the following:

- [TVA Act](#)
- [General Guidance - NCDOT/TVA Section 26A Approvals](#)
- [Guidance for Transportation Projects That Need TVA Approval](#)

## ***Responsibility***

The following are responsible for executing this procedure:

- ✚ PDEA Project Planning Engineer (PPE)
- ✚ FHWA Planning and Environmental Engineer (Federally Funded Projects)
- ✚ TVA NEPA Administration
- ✚ TVA Resource Stewardship Watershed Team
- ✚ State Historic Preservation Office (as needed)

## ***Procedures***

1. The PPE will consult the NCDOT Resource Agency Information Map to determine if a proposed project will or potentially have TVA involvement.  
  
If the potential for TVA involvement exist, send a Scoping Meeting invitation and scoping packet to the TVA representative. See below for TVA representative information:  
  
Counties: Haywood, Buncombe, Henderson, Madison, Yancey, Mitchell, Avery, Watauga, Transylvania contact:  
Anne Patrick, TVA  
Program Manager, Eastern Region  
  
Counties: Cherokee, Graham, Swain, Clay contact:  
Kemmy J. Garrett, TVA  
Interim Program Manager, Land & Shoreline Permitting
2. The TVA representative will respond to the scoping notice and confirm if there is TVA involvement. TVA will also indicate if there is other involvement in addition to Section 26a permitting (such as transmission lines, economic development, etc.). If there is TVA involvement, set up a webinar for the scoping meeting so that TVA can participate.
3. For Merger Projects, TVA will be included on the Merger Team and attend all meetings (via webinar as needed). They are a signatory on the concurrence point forms. For Merger Projects you will send all concurrence packages to:  
  
Charles P. Nickolson  
NEPA Program Manager
4. For non-merger projects continue to coordinate with the appropriate TVA representative, addressing comments and concerns, as applicable. Include TVA in Section 7 consultations and Section 106 consultations so that compliance for these two laws is satisfied jointly with both TVA and FHWA. If an MOA for Section 106 is required, provide TVA an opportunity to be a signatory.
5. TVA will review the draft environmental document at the same time that FHWA and NCDOT are reviewing the document. The timeframe for review comments is the same as for FHWA and other agencies/units. If TVA does not comment within the timeframe allotted, you can assume that TVA has not further comments or concerns.  
  
Note: TVA does not receive a draft environmental document for review for Bridge Replacement Projects.
6. Provide TVA a copy of the finalized, signed document.
7. The TVA Permit application will be completed and submitted by NCDOT's Structure Design Unit Project Engineer.

## ***Contacts***

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